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COMMUNIQUE RELEASED TEN O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

"THE HIGH AUTHORITY OF THE ECSC HAS LEARNED FROM PRESS
REPORTS PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 23, 1959 THAT THE FEDERAL
GOVT DECIDED AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JAN 21, TO IMPOSE A
CUSTOMS DUTY OF 20 DM PER TON ON COAL IMPORTED FROM THIRD
COUNTRIES, WITH A QUOTA OF 4.25 MILLION TONS TO BE EXEMPTED
FROM THIS DUTY FOR THE YEAR 1959.

THESE MEASURES CAN BE APPLIED IN THE COMMUNITY ONLY IN
EXECUTION OF ARTICLE 74 OF THE (ECSC) TREATY AND UPON RECOMMENDA-
TION OF THE HIGH AUTHORITY.

THE HIGH AUTHORITY, WHICH HAS BEEN CONVINCED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
OF THE NECESSITY OF REDUCING IMPORTS OF COAL FROM THIRD COUNTRIES
INTO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, HAD, MOREOVER, EARLY IN JANUARY MADE
KNOWN TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IT WAS READY TO ADDRESS SUCH
A RECOMMENDATION TO IT WITH A VIEW TO LEVYING A TEMPORARY CUSTOMS
DUTY ON IMPORTS OF THIRD COUNTRY COAL EXCEPT FOR A QUOTA TO BE
DETERMINED WHICH WOULD BE DUTY-FREE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PREVIOUS PROPOSALS, THE HIGH AUTHORITY

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REMAINS DISPOSED TO ADDRESS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT A RECOMMENDATION LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUSTOMS DUTY THAT COULD GO AS HIGH AS 20 DM PER TON AND A DUTY-FREE QUOTA FOR A TONNAGE APPROPRIATE TO CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE COAL MARKET, WITH REGARD TO WHICH CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

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